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Section I: AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for modifying a ~~browser history file in a network browser program, said browser history file including a listing of previously visited network sites, said network browser program being used in combination with a switching means for selectively accessing adjacent ones of said previously visited network sites, said network browser program including a history function operable to store an actual history list of website addresses accessed by said browser, said browser further including separate back and forward indicia on a display screen, said back and forward indicia being selectable by a user for accessing stored website addresses adjacent to a currently displayed website address of said browser, said browser further including a favorites file listing function, said favorites function being operable for selectively storing a favorites list of user-selected website addresses, including a listing of user-selected favorite network sites,~~ said method comprising:

~~displaying a reproduction of said favorites file list in a first area of said display screen on a display screen of a display device of a user;~~

displaying a virtual history list in another a second area of said display screen, said virtual history list being separate from said actual history list;

enabling said user to transfer selected ~~sites~~ website addresses from said ~~reproduction of said favorites file~~ displayed favorites list into said displayed virtual history list; and

inserting said virtual history list into said actual history list

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of said browser ~~history file~~ whereby adjacent ones of said ~~network sites~~ website addresses in said virtual history list are accessible by a single ~~actuation~~ selection of said ~~switching means~~ back or forward indicia of said browser.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1 ~~wherein said switching means comprises~~ and further including a pointing device, said pointing device being selectively operable by a user for pointing to a selected icon presented on a display screen ~~said back and forward indicia, said pointing device switching means~~ further including an actuating mechanism, said actuating mechanism being selectively operable by said user to effect a selection of said icon back or forward indicia.

3. (Currently Cancelled).

4. (Currently Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said ~~creating includes using a keyboard input to create said~~ virtual history list is created using a keyboard.

6. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said ~~creating includes using a pointing device to create said~~ virtual history list is created using a pointing device.

7. (Previously Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1 and further including creating said virtual history list from individual ~~network sites~~ website addresses and also from previously created groups of said ~~network sites~~ website addresses.

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9. (Currently Amended) A storage medium including machine readable coded indicia, said storage medium being selectively coupled to a reading device, said reading device being selectively coupled to processing circuitry within an information processing system, said reading device being selectively operable to read said machine readable coded indicia and provide program signals representative thereof, said program signals being effective to enable a modification of a browser history file in a network browser program, said browser history file including a listing of previously visited network sites, said network browser program being operable in combination with a switching means for accessing adjacent ones of said previously visited network sites, said network browser program further including a favorites file listing including a listing of user-selected favorite network sites, said program signals being selectively operable for

displaying a reproduction of said favorites file on a display screen of a display device of a user,

displaying a virtual history list in another area of said display screen,

enabling said user to transfer selected sites from said reproduction of said favorites file into said virtual history list, and

inserting said virtual history list into said browser history file whereby adjacent ones of said network sites in said virtual history list are accessible by a single actuation of said switching means

for modifying a browser, said browser including a history

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function operable to store an actual history list of website addresses accessed by said browser, said browser further including separate back and forward indicia on a display screen, said back and forward indicia being selectable by a user for accessing stored website addresses adjacent to a currently displayed website address of said browser, said browser further including a favorites function, said favorites function being operable for selectively storing a favorites list of user-selected website addresses, said program signals being further operable to accomplish the steps of:

displaying said favorites list in a first area of said display screen;

displaying a virtual history list in a second area of said display screen, said virtual history list being separate from said actual history list;

enabling said user to transfer selected website addresses from said displayed favorites list into said displayed virtual history list; and

inserting said virtual history list into said actual history list of said browser whereby adjacent ones of said website addresses in said virtual history list are accessible by a single selection of said back or forward indicia of said browser.

10. (Currently Amended) The medium as set forth in claim 9 ~~wherein said switching means comprises~~ and further including a pointing device, said pointing device being selectively operable by a user for pointing to ~~a selected icon presented on a display screen~~ said back and forward indicia, said pointing device ~~switching means~~ further including an actuating mechanism, said

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actuating mechanism being selectively operable by said user to effect a selection of said ~~seen~~ back or forward indicia.

11. (Currently Cancelled).

12. (Currently Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) The medium as set forth in claim 9 wherein said ~~creating includes using a keyboard input to create~~ said virtual history list is created using a keyboard.

14. (Currently Amended) The medium as set forth in claim 9 wherein said ~~creating includes using a pointing device to create~~ said virtual history list is created using a pointing device.

15. (Previously Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) The medium as set forth in claim 9 and further including creating said virtual history list from individual ~~network sites~~ website addresses and also from previously created groups of said ~~network sites~~ website addresses.

17. (Currently Amended) An information processing system comprising:

a system bus;

a CPU device connected to said system bus;

a memory device connected to said system bus;

an input device connected to said system bus, said input device being arranged to enable user input to said information

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processing system;

a user display device connected to said system bus; and

connection means arranged to selectively connect said information processing system to a network of websites, each of said websites having a website address ~~containing a plurality of network sites,~~ said information processing system being selectively operable for modifying a browser ~~history file in a network browser program~~ resident in said memory device, said browser including a history function operable to store an actual history list of website addresses accessed by said browser, said browser further including separate back and forward indicia on a display screen of said user display device, said back and forward indicia being selectable by a user for accessing stored website addresses adjacent to a currently displayed website address of said browser, said browser further including a favorites function, said favorites function being operable for selectively storing a favorites list of user-selected website addresses, said browser history file including a listing of previously visited network sites, said network browser program being used in combination with said input device for selectively accessing adjacent ones of said previously visited network sites, said network browser program further including a favorites file listing including a listing of user-selected favorite network sites, said information processing system being further selectively operable for

~~displaying a reproduction of said favorites file on a display screen of said user display device~~

~~displaying a virtual history list in another area of said display screen~~

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~~enabling said user to transfer selected sites from said reproduction of said favorites file into said virtual history list; and~~

~~inserting said virtual history list into said browser history file whereby adjacent ones of said network sites in said virtual history list are accessible by a single actuation of said input device for displaying said favorites list in a first area of said display screen, displaying a virtual history list in a second area of said display screen, said virtual history list being separate from said actual history list, enabling said user to transfer selected website addresses from said displayed favorites list into said displayed virtual history list, and inserting said virtual history list into said actual history list of said browser whereby adjacent ones of said website addresses in said virtual history list are accessible by a single selection of said back or forward indicia of said browser.~~